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CHAPTER 6: RIDE THE SKY

YO.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

SILENT TYPE, HUH?

HAHAH!

...

BUT THIS IS A STRAIGHT PATH. IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH IT...

THAT MEANS YOUR DESTINATION IS ALSTER, HUH?

OH, SCARY!

DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH THE LIKES OF YOU!

YOU'RE A MERCENARY LIKE ME, RIGHT?

THERE'S SOMEBODY I WANT TO MEET.

ARE YOU AFTER GOLD, LIKE ME?

THERE'S CONFLICT IN ALSTER... IF I WAIT THERE, I'M SURE I'LL MEET HIM.

ARE YOU SURE?

YOU COULD MEET THAT DUDE AS AN ENEMY, YOU KNOW.

I'M FINE WITH THAT.

HAH!

OH WAIT, THAT'S RIGHT.

SOME-HOW, HUH.

SINCE IT SEEMS WE'RE GOING TO BE COMRADES FOR A WHILE,

I SHOULD ASK YOUR NAME.

I'M FAVAL.

YOU ARE?

ALESS.

ALSTER CASTLE

OOH, FAVAL.

I WAS WAITING FOR YOU.

KING BLUME

YEAH, LEAVE IT TO ME.

I'VE HEARD RUMORS AMONG THE MERCENARIES THAT HIRING YOUR BOW MEANS NOT HAVING AN ENEMY.

I HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR YOU.

THEN, WHO'S THE ENEMY?

IT SEEMS THEY'RE SHIELDING THE PRINCE OF LENSTER.

THE LIBERATION ARMY.

GOT IT. CONSIDER IT DONE.

LISTEN UP.

MAKE SURE YOU KILL THEIR LEADER CELICE AND THE PRINCE OF LENSTER.

A MERCENARY.

HM?

WHO IS HE?

THE BLACK KNIGHT...

I NEED NO MONEY.

I'LL LEND YOU MY POWER.

FATHER... IN ORDER TO AVENGE YOU...

FINE.

WELL, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS TOO MUCH POWER.

TAKE HER DOWN, OF COURSE.

DAMN LIBERATION ARMY, WHEN DID THEY GET PEGASUS KNIGHTS?

TCH.

EXCUSE ME, LORD BLUME.

WHAT?

WE DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S THE ENEMY, SO I'LL CHARGE EXTRA FOR THAT.

20,000 GOLD.

FAVAL. I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN, BUT CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF IT?

WE HAVE CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF A PEGASUS KNIGHT ABOUT US. SHE SEEMS TO BE A SPY.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

UGH... A... ALRIGHT.

WELL, IT'S FOR THE MONEY.

I DON'T LIKE KILLING PEOPLE WHO CAN'T FIGHT BACK, BUT...

LET'S GET THIS DONE, MY PARTNER...

ICHIEVAL!

...

DID YOU KILL HER?

WELL DONE, FAVAL.

IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE YOU WERE AIMING FOR HER VITAL POINTS TO ME, YOU KNOW?

BESIDES, I DON'T LIKE KILLING IF I CAN HELP IT.

IT WAS A WOMAN.

I JUST WANT TO GET GOLD!

YOU'RE TOO LOUD, SHUT UP!

SHHHH!

WELL, THAT SURE IS GREAT FOR A MERCENARY.

THAT BOW...

EITHER WAY...

ALRIGHT?

IT'S MY FAMILY HEIRLOOM.

SOME DISTANT ENEMIES YESTERDAY.

THE SENTINELS HAVE SPOTTED

IT'S BEEN FIVE DAYS SINCE LENSTER'S FALL.

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THEY FIND THIS CASTLE, NOW.

HEEEY, CELICE!

OKAYE.

IT'S ME, LEAF!

AH, HE TOOK THE TELESCOPE...
I SEE THE SENTINELS ARE IN TROUBLE.

I...

THAT THE TIME WE SPENT HERE WAS JUST A WASTE...
ALSO, SO THAT WE WON'T THINK LATER...
WE MUST HURRY UP AND ATTACK.

WANT TO RECLAIM LEAF'S FATHER-LAND...
AS FAST AS I CAN.

PEGASUS...

CELICE!

IT FELL!

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IT FELL...

INTO A FOREST NEAR HERE!

A PEGASUS!

THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL A PEGASUS KNIGHT, RIGHT?

WHAT?

TWO PEOPLE WERE RIDING IT!

RIGHT, FINN?

EH? FINN? WHERE ARE YOU?

FIIINN!

FEE!

HEY! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!

FEE!

FEE!

I'M A SISTER SHOW ME HER WORK!

LET ME PASS PLEASE

IT'S A DE DE A DEAD-SUS

WHO'S AT FAULT? JUST BE MAKING SUCH A RUCKUS THAT WAS

SISTER?

WE'RE SAVED!

SHE'S MY GIRL-FRIEND!

PLEASE HEAL FEE!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS GUY?

BY THE WAY, YOU'RE CUTE. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

THE WOUND SEEMS TO LOOK WORSE THAN IT ACTUALLY IS...

HM!

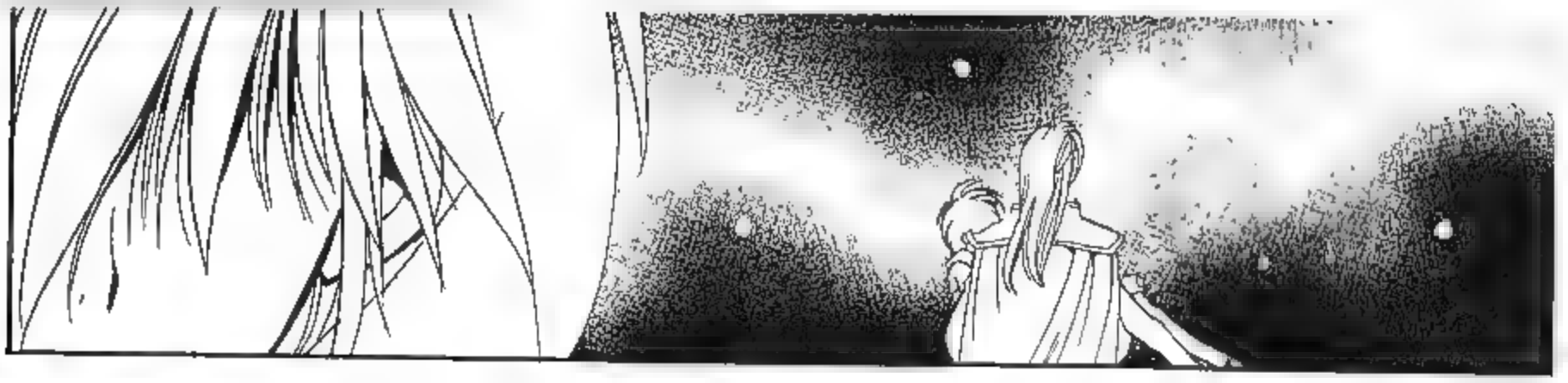
LEAD THE WAY!

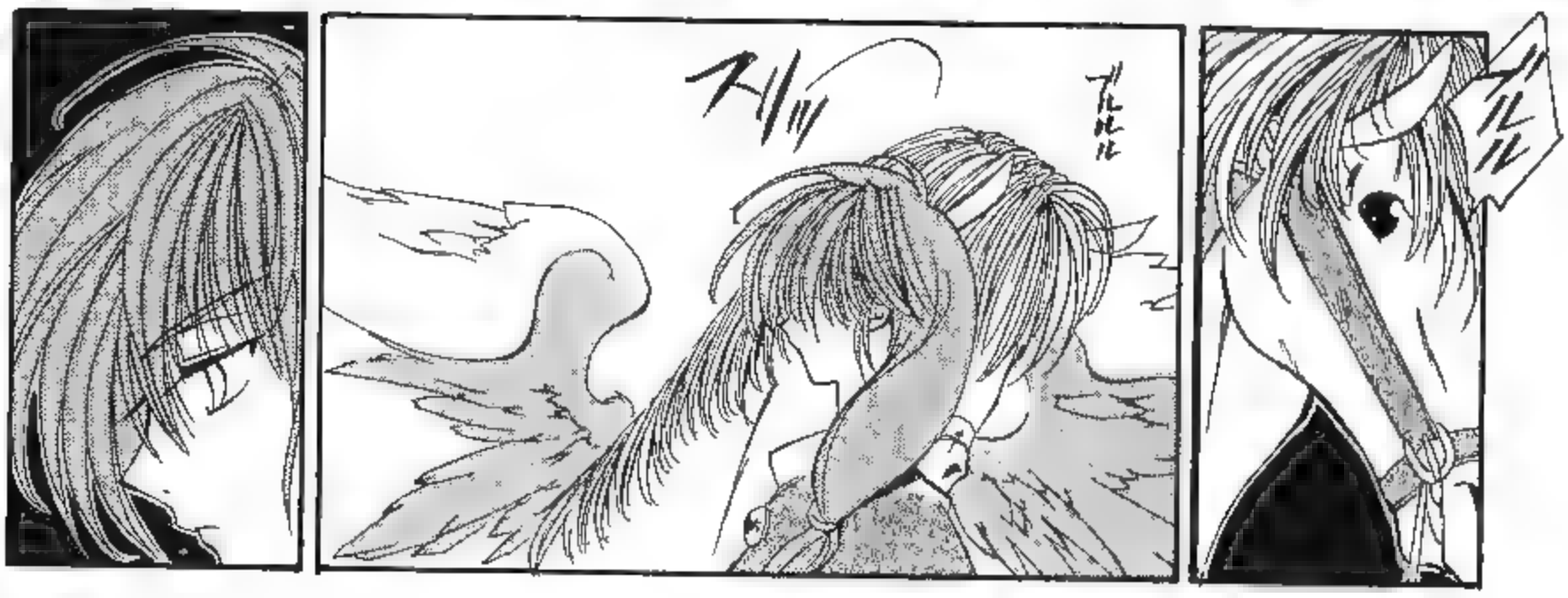
I'LL CARRY HER!

AH!

JULIA, CAN YOU HELP ME CARRY HER TO BED?

SURE!





IT SEEMS SHE PASSED OUT FROM THE SHOCK OF BEING ATTACKED SUDDENLY.

OTHERWISE, HER ONLY ISSUE IS HER ARM WOUND.

SO, GOING BACK TO THE SUBJECT...

OH, SURE, SURE! ♡

THANK YOU, LITTLE RANA! ♡

WELL DONE, RANA.

WHERE DID YOU...

TAKE THIS ARROW?

HE USED A SHINY GOLDEN BOW.

I SEE ONE

HAS JOINED THE ENEMY...

ICHIEVAL...

ONE OF THE TWELVE LEGENDARY CRUSADER WEAPONS, JUST LIKE MY BALMUNG.

SHE WAS
A WOMAN
WHO FOUGHT

I WON'T CONSIDER HIM AN ENEMY.

RANA,

LET ME PROMISE YOU THIS.

I'LL TRY NEGOTIATING WITH HIM...

SO WE WON'T HAVE TO FIGHT.

LORD CELICE...

B-BY THE WAY... YOU SAID YOU'RE ARTHUR, RIGHT?

HM...

WHY WERE YOU TWO AROUND ALSTER CASTLE?

WELL, I HAVE SOME UNRESOLVED BUSINESS WITH KING BLUME.

I WAS PLANNING TO CHECK THE CASTLE FROM ABOVE, BUT THAT FAILED.

IN FEE'S CASE... SHE SAID SHE'S LOOKING FOR SOMEONE.

OH, MY!

YOU'RE UP?

MY HAND...

WHERE ARE WE?

AN ANNEX OF LENSTER.

DO YOU REMEMBER FALLING INTO A FOREST NEAR HERE?

EH?

WERE YOU THE ONE...

HOLDING MY HAND?

NO, I DON'T THINK SO.

WELL, MANY GIRLS COME INTO THIS ROOM SO PROBABLY ONE OF THEM...

?

NO...

EH?

AH!

BUT, LATELY...

I'M SURE WE ASKED THE GUYS NOT TO ENTER THIS ROOM...

YES... IT WAS A LARGE HAND, I'M SURE.

A LARGE, WARM HAND OF A MAN...

NOW WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET SOME INTEL ON OUR ENEMY, RIGHT?

AMAZING ISN'T IT?

TRULY A "SPEAK OF THE DEVIL" SCENARIO!

YEAH.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

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WE CAN'T DECIDE THAT FOR HER.

THAT'S ONLY IF SHE WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH US.

GIVE HER SOME CLOTHES!

RANA? SOME-BODY...

WAIT, YOU-

UWAH!

FEE?!

HEY, WAIT A SECOND!

WHY ARE YOU LIKE THAT-

FEEE!

WAIT!!

PANT

PANT

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LOOK...

AT ME...

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FATHER!!

FA...

YOU LEFT THE KINGDOM MANY YEARS AGO, BUT...

ALL THIS TIME, I'VE WANTED TO MEET YOU, FATHER..

I'VE GROWN, HAVEN'T I?

OH RIGHT, MY PEGASUS!

DID YOU MEET

AND SHE'S GROWN QUITE A BIT, TOO!

MAHNYA LIKED YOU A LOT,

ALSO, FATHER

FEE!

I DON'T WANT A DAUGHTER WHO CAN ONLY THINK ABOUT THAT FEELING SHE'S AN ADULT.

THERE'S A LIMIT EVEN FOR SHAME-LESSNESS.

HOW CRUEL! WHY ARE YOU AVOIDING ME?

OY!

THE PEOPLE ARE AWAITING YOUR RETURN, FATHER.

EVEN NOW UNDER THE EMPIRE'S RULE

LET'S GO BACK TO SILESIA TOGETHER.

FATHER!

FATHER!!

DAMN IT!

WHAT'S THAT ATTITUDE?

WHY ARE YOU AVOIDING ME?

FATHER AND CHILD AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THAT!

WHY, IF THE HAND THAT JUST SLAPPED ME...

LEVIN IS MY STRATEGIST.

MY FATHER... PLEASE...

WE HAVE STARTED ADVANCING IN ORDER TO LIBERATE THE COUNTRIES UNDER THE EMPIRE'S RULE.

PLEASE LET LEVIN KEEP ON SERVING THIS ARMY. HE'S IRRE-PLACEABLE TO US.

SHOULD WE DEFEAT THE EMPIRE, THE WORLD WILL BE IN PEACE.

AND OF COURSE, THAT INCLUDES YOUR HOMELAND, SILESIA.

TAKING ACTION WILL BRING US MORE FRUITS THAN SIMPLY WAITING.

HE'S THINK-ING...

AND THAT'S WHAT LEVIN IS DOING RIGHT NOW

AND ACTING TO BRING PEACE TO SILESIA... AND THE WORLD.

THAT'S WHY

LEVIN IS HERE IN THE LIBERATION ARMY.

DOES THAT SOUND REASONABLE?

I WANT PEACE, TOO!

I'M MY FATHER'S DAUGHTER!

WE'LL JUST BEAT THE EMPIRE, THEN!

GOT IT!

BUT IN EXCHANGE, LET ME HELP AS WELL!

WOW, YOU SURE RECOVER QUICKLY.

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AND THEN, I'LL MAKE MY FATHER HAVE A BETTER OPINION OF ME!

THANK YOU, FEE.

I'M ALSO GRATEFUL TO YOUR BOYFRIEND ARTHUR...

WHO AGREED WITH IT.

OF COURSE! BRING IT ON!

WILL YOU LISTEN?

SO, WE HAVE A PLAN.

TO IT

LEAVE IT

IT'S NOTHING- JUST

WHO'S MY BOY- FRIEND,

BIG TALK- ING MAN?!

ME?

LET'S USE THIS ENERGY...

TO TAKE DOWN KING BLUME!

WAH!

YES!!

HEY!

EH...?

DIDN'T WE HEAR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

UGH!! IT HURTS, FEE!

YES, I THINK...

...

OH, WELL.

THAT'S RIGHT...

WATCH ME, FATHER....

MY SWORD THIRSTS FOR BLOOD.

I CAN FEEL IT...

YOUR BLOOD... YOUR PRESENCE.

AT LAST...

WE SHALL MEET.

EARL CELICE.

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IT SEEMS THEY'VE FOUND THE CASTLE WHERE THE LIBERATION ARMY IS HIDING.

IN OTHER WORDS...

HOWEVER, NOBODY WAS THERE.

THEY'VE STARTED MOVING.

THIS GUY YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...

IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU COULD MEET...

CELICE.